

Primary Academy Newsletter

Keeping you informed on the Primary Academy events!

Welcome Back!

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer. Below are the updates and things you will need to know prior to the start of school. Please reach out to Mrs. Sandora at bsandora@neusecharterschool.org

Academic Updates

Istation Update

We have made the decision to renew a license with Amplify, the creators of mCLASS, through the 2019 - 2020 school year. Our Kindergarten through second grade classes will continue to use mCLASS as the main assessment tools for the 2019 - 2020 school year. Due to the requirements from the state for Read to Achieve, our third grade students will be using Istation for the 2019 - 2020 school year. The first mandatory assessment will take place in January of 2020. In the meantime, our third grade team will be trained and will be completing practice assessments with students. Please reach out to Mrs. Sandora with any questions.

Summer Reading

Many questions have come up about our Summer Reading activities for this year. Your child should have read one of the books from the selected list. They will complete a writing task developed by staff to pre-assess their writing skills. Know that this assessment will be done with the sole purpose of informing our writing instruction for the 2019 - 2020 school year. Please take a look at the attached Summer Reading List linked [here](#).

Culture Updates

PBIS and Core Values

We will be implementing PBIS in the Primary Academy this year. Our focus will be building our understanding of the Core Values in the Primary setting. Take a look at some of the ways we will be

strengthening our Core Values in the Primary:

- **Morning Meetings:** 10 - 15 minutes each morning to build our classroom community and promote success and positive attitudes throughout the day.
- **Core Values Class Challenge:** A monthly competition between our classes to work as a team to demonstrate our values.
- **Core Value Ticket Rewards:** Tickets will be handed out to students on a daily basis, with an end of week drawings for a prize.
- **Core Value Awards Recognition:** At the end of each month, staff will nominate a student from each homeroom to receive the Core Value Award of the month.
- **Core Values Kick-Off Assembly:** This will occur in the end of August. It will allow students to come together and learn about the core values and expectations for the school year.

Open House

Open House will take place on Thursday, August 8th from 4:30 - 6:00. There will be a Welcome Session from 4:30 - 5:00 in the Main Gym, introducing teachers and providing school updates. Parents and students can visit the classrooms from 5:00 - 6:00.

All Supply Lists have been uploaded to the website. They are linked [here](#). Supplies can be dropped off at our Open House on Thursday, August 8th. We look forward to seeing everyone!

Parent Ambassadors

Looking to get involved with our NCS community? Please check out our Parent Ambassadors group. They meet on the second Tuesday of each month at Golden Corral in Smithfield. The first meeting of the 2019 - 2020 school year will be Tuesday, August 13th at 8:30 AM. We look forward to working with our Parent Ambassadors this year!

Fundraising for 2019 -2020

We are working to build a strong fundraising campaign for the 2019 - 2020 school year. Fundraising allows our school to support a strong curriculum, increase teacher salaries, raise funds towards our new building, and support the clubs and athletics programs at NCS. Please take a look at our fundraising page, located [here](#), to see how you can support our school!

Procedures for the School Year

Car Pool

Car Pool will remain the same for the 2019 - 2020 school year. Drop off will take place from 7:45 - 8:15 through the center of campus, while Pick Up will occur from 3:15 - 3:35. Please review the carpool maps, located [here](#). Use the following tips for safe Car Pooling:

Drop Off Tips

- Always display your carpool tag.

- Please make sure to not drop off prior to 7:45, unless you have an Intermediate/Senior Academy student as well.
- Siblings will be held in the Primary Gym from 7:15 - 7:45.
- Please avoid parking and walking students into the building, as it does cause safety concerns with crossing.

Pick Up Tips

- Please avoid showing up on campus for Pick Up prior to 3:05.
- Please make sure to place care seats on the correct side for Pick Up so that students can avoid crossing the road.
- Please make sure to follow the signs for the split in the afternoon (K- 1 will stay right while 2 - 4 will stay left).
- Older siblings should stand with their younger siblings in the correct grade level areas for Pick Up.
- Older siblings that drive must go through carpool to pick up their siblings.
- Do not walk to pick up a student from the carpool line. Any pickups that will not be through Car Pool will occur in the Main Office.
- Be patient with Car Pool the first few weeks. We generally get faster as we go!

Important Dates

Take a look at the important dates listed below:

August 5th - 9th: Teacher Work Days

August 8th: Open House, 4:30 - 6:00

August 12th: First Day of School

August 12th - 19th: Kindergarten Staggered Entry

August 13th: Parent Ambassadors Meeting at 8:30 AM

August 13th: NCS Spirit Night at Sweet Frog's 3:00 - 8:00

August 20th: Curriculum Night for the Primary Academy, 6:00 - 7:30

August 27th: Board of Director's Meeting, 6:00 - 8:00



Meet Mrs. Sandora

This will be my second year at Neuse Charter School as the Primary Academy Leader. I spent 10.5 years in the classroom in the Township of Franklin Public School District in New Jersey, teaching and coaching in the hometown that shaped me into who I am today. My husband and I relocated with our three year old son to West Cary in March of 2018. The Primary Academy is working to grow and create the foundations for our young learners that lead to success!

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